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Governor Wilder welcomes African-American History Month

By: Kimberly Lennon

Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder presented his keynote speech: *The Movement: Past, Present, and Future* as a part of Salisbury's African-American History Month series on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Dr. Timothy O'Rourke, Dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, introduced Wilder by calling him "one of the most important people involved in politics over the past 50 years."

In 1990, Wilder became the first African-American state governor

to ever be elected. He not only led a successful term by bringing a better economy to the people of Virginia, but also marked a significant change in history with his breaking of the race barrier among state leaders.

Wilder graduated from Virginia Union University in 1951 with a B.S. in chemistry, and soon after was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. During his service in the Korean War he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in ground combat for rescuing wounded soldiers and

capturing enemy troops. Upon returning to the states, Wilder left Virginia to attend Howard University to receive his law degree. At the time, African Americans were not allowed to receive a degree in law within the state of Virginia. Once obtaining the degree, Wilder hoped to change the way African Americans were treated in the world, and his determination brought change not only in his own life but to countless lives of others.

Wilder then set up a private law practice in residential Richmond,

Va. With a successful law practice under way, he ventured out into the world of politics, being elected to the Virginia State Senate. By 1985, as lieutenant governor, he became the highest-ranking African American state official. Against all odds, in 1990, Wilder was sworn in as Virginia's first African-American governor, and the only African-American governor in the United States. Although he was involved in the 1992 presidential election, he ultimately decided to stay in Virginia and fulfill his term.

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Futurism program charges ahead

By: Adam Harrow
News Editor

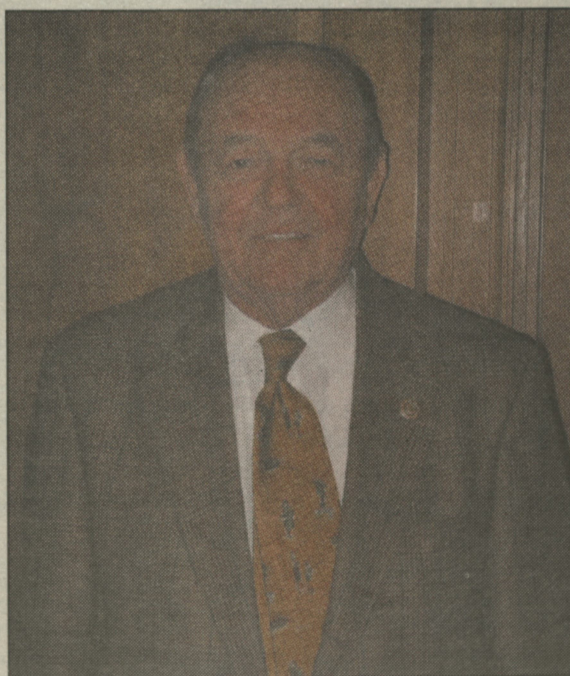
Salisbury University inaugurated its Spring Futurism Cultural Event Series last week in Holloway Hall.

Keynoting the series was Werner Fornos, president of The Population Institute, the world's largest independent and non-profit organization devoted exclusively to achieving a more manageable balance between the global population and its environment and resources.

"I think it's a great program the university has launched," said Fornos, who has been working for The Population Institute for more than 25 years.

The institute was originally created in 1960 after a dump in the population led many to believe that people across the globe were devouring world resources at an alarming pace. Focusing on balancing future populations with environmental factors, the institute plans to develop a better tomorrow for its people by bringing to light the problems populations cause today.

Under Fornos, the organization



Werner Fornos, President of The Population Institute.

Flyer photo by Constance Mensh

has taken great strides toward informing the people of the world about the problems at hand.

He has authored such works as *Gaining People, Losing Ground* and the internationally released report "1997 World Population

Overview." Being named among the 50 men and women in the Earth Times' Hall of Fame for his contributions to the environment, Fornos has made a name for himself across the country. Speaking both nationally and abroad, he has become a popular speaker especially at college

campuses, where he has ignited audiences with his unique style, delivery and approach to this issue of world population. Feb. 2 was no exception, as Fornos proved to deliver an informative and provocative speech to his Salisbury

audience.

After welcoming the audience, Fornos quickly changed his tone to draw the emotions from his viewers. He challenged Salisbury students to not only listen to what he had to say, but also to act in the context of their everyday lives to improve the current population scenario.

"It is a grave situation for future generations," said Fornos.

According to Fornos, the population is growing at a frightening rate and Earth's resources are being destroyed daily. The net population growth per year is estimated to be 77 million people, and the world population by the year 2025 is expected to reach just above 9 billion. Although Africa is the fastest growing continent Fornos said that citizens of the United States need to step back and take a closer look at the resources being used and the garbage being created.

"Living in the United States gives us a false sense of security that we have unlimited amounts of water,

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Campus Blurbs

RENTER'S FAIR

On Feb. 11, the SGA will hold a renter's fair from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri Center for students interested in off-campus housing.

DR. RONALD WALTERS SPEAKS ON BROWN VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A nationwide commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision making segregated schools illegal continues at Salisbury University with a lecture by one of the nation's leading African-American political scholars, Dr. Ronald Walters.

An award winning writer and nationally recognized political analyst, Walters speaks at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. His talk is titled "Brown vs. board of Education: What has 50

years accomplished?"

Walters' lecture is co-sponsored by SU's Office of Multiethnic Student Services and the Union of African-American Students. The event is free and the public is cordially invited.

SENIORS

GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINE

All undergraduate students who plan to complete degree requirements in December 2004 or Winter Term 2005 must complete an Application for Graduation by Friday, March 5, 2004, in the Registrar's Office. There is no graduation fee.

The purpose of this early application deadline is to allow time for each senior's record to be reviewed in detail prior to their last semester of attendance at the

University, and this insures that students are aware of their academic status early enough to make any last minute adjustments in their plan of study.

Please complete an Application for Graduation in the Office of the Registrar, Holloway Hall 120, or mail it to the Office of the Registrar, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801. For information, please call 410-543-6150.

MS WALK

On Sunday, April 18, 2004, the MS Walk will take place in Salisbury. Salisbury University's team is looking for students who would be willing to participate in this worthy cause to raise money. The walk is five miles and will take place at 9 a.m. Anyone who is interested in joining may contact Jayna Pellegrino at (410) 726-8722 for information.

Salisbury Crime Beat

01/29/04

08:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m.: Hit & Run- A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Chesapeake parking lot.

02/01/04

01:01 p.m.: Disorderly Conduct - A non-student caused a disturbance in Severn Hall and was given a verbal warning. Later, the same man was again causing a disturbance. He was told by officers to leave the campus and not return or he would be arrested for trespassing. The man complied.

02/04/04

11:45 a.m.: Attempted Theft - A student reported that a book bag was lying on the floor in the Commons building near the entrance to the bookstore. The student was sitting near the book bag talking on a phone. An unknown male suspect picked up the book bag and starting walking a way from the area. The student yelled at him but he continued walking away. The student then told an unknown male that the suspect had just stolen her book bag. This person caught up to the suspect outside of the Commons and handed over the stolen book bag.

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Opportunity Column

Employment/Internship Opportunities

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Global Vision International

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Rainforest Concern. We are now seeking research assistants to assist our work in the Seychelles from June 2004 onwards. Expedition members should be science / biology / marine science graduates or students or have the relevant previous experience. Visit the expedition at: <http://www.gvi.co.uk/pages/expeditionDetail.asp?expedition=57> or contact us directly at info@gvi.co.uk to request more information.

Scholarships

Merwin Leadership Scholarship

The Merwin Leadership Scholarship is available for a full-time Junior or Senior with a 3.0 cumulative GPA, who also demonstrates leadership in either on or off campus programs. Qualified students should submit a letter of application showing evidence of a commitment to leadership and the names and contact information for two references by Wednesday, March 31 to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, GUC 212.

American Association of University Women Scholarship

The Salisbury Branch of the American Association of University women offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a rising SU Junior or Senior woman attending full-time who is also a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in need of financial assistance.

Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall, Room 211 or from the Vice President of Student Affairs Office, Guerrieri University Center, Room 212. Deadline for return of completed applications to

the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs is Friday, March 19, 2004.

Fulton School of Liberal Arts Music Department Scholarships

The Fulton School of Liberal Arts is offering up to 15 \$200 scholarships this semester to students who participate in any of the school's five music ensembles. All ensembles are open to any student with prior musical experience. Vocal ensembles include the University Chorale (MUSA 100, meets Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 - 5 p.m.) and Music Theater Production (MUSA 103, meets Monday and

Wednesday from 4:30 - 6 p.m.). Instrumental ensembles include the Symphony Orchestra (MUSA 105, meets Sunday from 7 - 9:45 p.m.), Wind Ensemble (MUSA 107, meets Monday from 7 - 9:45 p.m.) and Jazz Ensemble (MUSA 102, meets Wednesdays from 3 - 5 p.m.).

All majors from any discipline are eligible for these scholarships as long as they remain enrolled in the course and complete all requirements for the semester. Winners will be decided through an audition process. Students interested in applying can contact the Department of Music at 410-543-6385.

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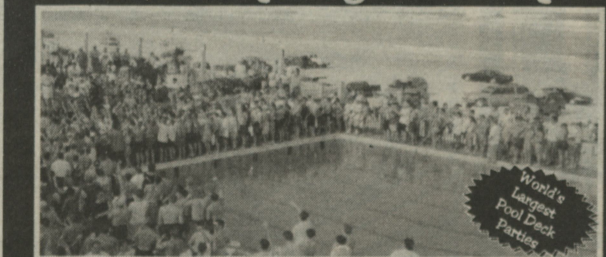
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President Bush Meets the Press

For the first time since his inauguration, George W. Bush returned to "Meet the Press" on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Answering questions from host Tim Russert, President Bush defended his decision to send troops into Iraq in addition to defending CIA Director George Tenet, who has recently come under fire for the misinformation dealing with Iraq's weapon of mass destruction capabilities. Bush also discussed the recently formulated commission to review U.S. intelligence, which he has given until March 2005 to complete its investigation.

Japanese troops enter Iraq

This past Sunday, Japanese troops entered into Iraq from Kuwait. The roughly 800 troops are there primarily for humanitarian

operations. In Japan the move has come with controversy, as it is the largest deployment of Japanese troops since World War II.

Ohio joins list of states to ban gay marriage

Friday, Feb. 6 marks Ohio as the 38th state to ban gay marriage. The bill, approved by Governor Bob Taft, prohibits unmarried state employees from receiving marital benefits, regardless of sexual orientation. The governor denies that the bill is bigoted, instead claiming that it sends a positive message to children.

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but 97 percent of the water on Earth is salt water. Only 1 percent is actually available for human consumption," said Fornos.

He also advocated less dependence on fossil fuels, saying that during the most recent 15 years, the Earth has reached its highest temperature in its recorded history. Humans need to conserve the resources they have and look toward creating and allocating new resources for the future, he said.

Fornos offered four "simple solutions" to the dramatic population increase. The first was the complete eradication of female illiteracy. There has been a relationship between illiteracy in females and the birth rate in the past, thus an increase in literacy would lead to a decrease in the birth rate, he said. Secondly, Fornos advocated full employment opportunities for females, which would get more of them out of the

house, leading to less pregnancy. Third, Fornos wants to strive to eliminate or severely reduce the infant mortality rates, resulting in fewer compensatory pregnancies and a smaller family size. Finally, a stride toward natural and voluntary family planning must be made worldwide. If all of these combined solutions are fulfilled, the Earth will be in much better shape, he said.

"The mess of the world is on your shoulders," said Fornos, "and if young people are not confronted with the issues, how can they find solutions?"

The next speaker in the series will be Thomas Wrublewski of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (N.O.A.A.). He is the father of an SU junior, Diane Wrublewski, and will speak in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Alumni Director asserts himself in new role

By Shane Jacobus
 Staff Writer

Scott Brown, the newly appointed director of the Alumni Association at SU, expressed much enthusiasm for the task before him.

"It's a diverse job," he said, "and that's what I like about it. There's no way I could possibly get bored with this position. I like the challenge [it] presents in alumni relations."

Before coming to Salisbury, Brown served as director of annual giving at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. His job was to coordinate fundraisers and unrestricted gifts to the university. As director of alumni relations at SU, his duties will be virtually the same but to a much higher degree,

given his position.

While serving in this occupation, Brown includes expanding the Alumni Association beyond its current chapter as one of his main goals. He also wants to have more alumni return to the classrooms and give current students advice about their shared interests. His main goal, however, is to establish rapport with as many of the estimated 30,000 SU alumni as possible for the betterment of the school and its current students.

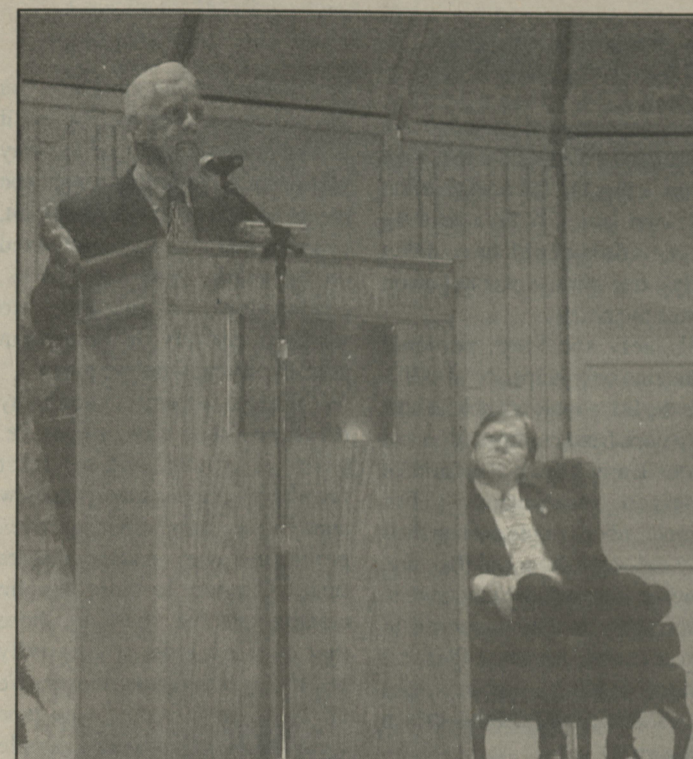
"I want to convey to our alumni," he said, "how important it is to give back to the university. It's a sign that our alumni value the education they received here."

Brown also pointed out that SU

is facing some tough times due to budget cuts, which could mean more tuition hikes for students. As director, he hopes to persuade the alumni to contribute as much as they can to their alma mater. Their generosity may help alleviate the toll that these budget cuts may impose, he said.

Although his stay at SU has been relatively brief thus far, Brown said he is optimistic about working in his newly-acquired position.

"One thing that I like about the university," he said, "is that there's a feeling of teamwork among the faculty and staff. And the students definitely do their part to get involved."



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Former Gov. Wilder speaks at Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Even though Wilder's term has ended, he has remained in politics as a poignant figure in the public eye. Wilder also reaches out in many ways in his life, such as being professor at the center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University, writing his newspaper column, helping to establish the National Slavery Museum in Fredericksburg, Va. and lecturing nationwide. His message for equal rights, promoting the youth of tomorrow, and his persistence toward a just cause has helped him become a true leader for all generations.

Before his speech, Wilder held a round-table discussion with students and faculty and within the circle advised students that education is the one thing no one can take away from them. Sophomore Aaron Hardin said, "The greatest thing I learned from Gov. Wilder is how important it was to be persistent with all you do and that education is such an important factor to instill among our youth of tomorrow and people today."

Standing on the stage of Holloway Hall, Wilder strongly proclaimed, "I am proud of my heritage, but I happen to be an American, and I am proud of that too." Wilder wanted to be elected Virginia's governor on the basis of his campaign; to be looked upon as a man with a purpose to make a

difference, not because he was of African-American descent. This is what has made him stand out among other leaders. Despite Virginia's 80 percent white population, Wilder has still been able to avoid shying away from particular groups. During his campaign he stayed in the houses of his supporters and let the media follow him.

His message Wednesday night to Salisbury University students, faculty and local residents proved to be insightful and inspiring.

Wilder declared, "The time is now." According to Wilder, one cannot sit on the sidelines and watch but must take the time to take action and make changes, everyday. Making excuses is no reason to not succeed. Wilder stressed time and time again that it is about time to close the racial divide. Wilder said he believes that the variety of abundance of religion and culture is what makes America great, and those are the inalienable rights that cannot be taken away. "We are not one religion, we are not one color, we are not one culture," said Wilder. "We must persist!"

Wilder's powerful and influential words rang throughout Holloway Hall as he asserted that people should determine tirelessly to succeed, accepting nothing less than their goals.

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Stop hiding behind the IM screen

By Chris Weymont
Staff Writer

With the dawn of the America Online Instant Messenger came the exiting of many social skills. Since I have used the IM and taken notice on how others use the chat screen, I have seen little by little the wires that bind relationships and social skills become unraveled. I wonder if the IM will truly take over the phone as the compact disc knocked off the cassette tape from the king of the hill.

The IM option is relatively new. When I asked my good friend when IM became so popular, she said, "I don't know. But I know our babysitters didn't have it."

With the advent of school wide networks, students were able to stay online for 24 hours a day. As students started to plug into the network, they were introduced to this new social tool titled AOL IM.

I can safely say that many were instantly hooked.

To be honest, I really do believe the IM is an amazing tool. Never has history seen a technological tool that allows one to toss up messages that potentially allows the world to view it. Do we think of that when we go online? Yes and no. It would be naive to believe that everyone uses IM because he/she could speak to someone in Asia.

Let's be honest with ourselves. IM allows us to hide behind a computer screen when speaking to another person. Much like e-mail, the IM lets us communicate through typing words and reading rather than speaking and interacting. This is where it gets annoying for people like me. I really do believe people have taken the IM screen and have used it as a shield for socializing.

Do not deny that speaking to someone over IM is much easier than doing it in person. As a guy

myself, I know it is much easier to speak to a girl online rather than over the telephone or in person for the first time. I have been there. We all have been there. I am sure the ladies feel the same way. Now I ask, just because people do it, does it make it right? No and believe me, boys, girls would much rather you impress them in person than over the IM screen.

As an outgoing senior who has been through the ropes of the IM, I am now not a fan. I really believe that people use the instant messenger to hide, suppress, convey in ridiculous tones and advertise their problems on the IM. Not to be too cynical, the IM should be used by students for communication. I have no problem for that. I do have a problem for my latter reasons.

I really do believe that the best communication comes from interaction with other people in person or at least over the phone. That is the bottom line. The ideal

option is speaking in person to one another and avoiding the IM. One reason is that the IM conversation is drawn out. A five-minute conversation could have been easily a one-minute chat in person or over the phone.

Vaguely speaking, personal interaction only helps social skills. With the IM, people are able to take a step back from confrontation and lessons learned from the form of in-person interaction. For example, when people post on their away messages how sad they are, yet never convey those emotions in person, how is they supposed to overcome their sadness? Plus, we all know reading away messages that are whiney and sadness-driven is annoying.

Speaking as an experienced IM'er, relying on the IM for a good conversation is like believing that Michael Moore will vote for Bush. Of course tid-bits of fun are derived from an IM conversation but the overall feel is not the same. Take

this all-too-familiar situation: you say something over the IM and it is taken exactly opposite the way you meant it. You explain what you meant in person and wham-bam, your original message is delivered on the mark. For most of us, putting down our thoughts into words is entirely different than actually saying what we mean.

We all see those profiles and away messages that have negative, positive, artistic, and my least favorite one, crying tones; and how annoying are they? There are even profiles and away messages that are funny. Contrary to those that are creative and fun, there are those that have no kind of creativity instilled into them whatsoever. We all know those people who post away messages that tell people everything he/she is doing at the moment. Do we honestly care if someone is in the shower right now? For that matter, do we care about random music quotes

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plastered all over a profile? I know 99.9 percent of us never actually read them.

I say, let the IM stick around and let the IMer give his/her chat screen and profile its own life. I do appeal to the life givers to get out and socially interact with people on a constant basis. Ask for a girl's phone number, not her IM name! If you have his/her IM name and are interested, make the first conversations over the phone or in person. For pity's sake, please do not post away messages that are crying for help. Or as one of my good friends said once on a profile, "Don't post things about your boyfriend or girlfriend. Nobody gives a f**k about them."

The IM has taken on a life of its own. The away messages and profiles are here to stay. Frankenstein's monster has been awakened and we are its creators. The argument lies within the question, is it a friendly monster or a beast we should fight? Lol.

Disclaimer: That is the last time and the only time Christopher Weymont will ever use "lol."

THE SU FEED

Does anyone else get uncomfortable when pharmaceutical commercials start spouting off disgusting side effects for their products? Do the people that take these things think about the possible side effects? I'd rather have ED, insomnia or whatever than have to deal with the side effects.

Am I the only person in the world that hates time travel? People continue to write books and make movies about a terrible concept that is not only impossible but also ridiculous. Why? With the exception of everyone's two favorite time traveling heroes, Bill and Ted, I recommend that we forget the notion that we can travel to any place in time we want because we can't. Let's focus on realistic storylines that won't give me a headache, storylines in which the two main characters switch bodies.

Just wanted to plug the fact that Norway is about to deem Dance Dance Revolution an official sport. Norway, a country always ahead of its time.

Zitzelman's article on Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ" should upset people more than the actual movie does. He describes the movie as having tons of opposition, and barely mentions the immense amount of support that the film has received from just about all Christian groups. But the film isn't just for Christians, as Mel Gibson said when he commented that "Gandhi" wasn't just for Hindus. In addition, Zitzelman takes a serious film about Christianity and speaks jokingly about it, which is the attitude that does cause controversy. Finally, everything that I have read about it says that it will have subtitles,

but Zitzelman seems to think that it will not...maybe he has already had a special showing in order to get all of this insight about a film he has not seen. I am looking forward to seeing it.

I was walking around campus and a squirrel jumped out of a trashcan and scared the hell out of me; what's that all about? Shouldn't they be somewhere gathering nuts instead of stalking the campus committing acts of furry sidewalk terrorism? I vote we include squirrels in the

list of possible detainees in the next version of the Patriot Act.

The Atkin's diet is getting out of hand. Is it really necessary to have a bunless burger? It goes against every ounce of good sense and good taste. It is really a conspiracy by the meat industry to make more money. Here's a great diet idea- eat nothing but animal products so your entire body is made entirely of decomposing creatures and fat. Not to mention that the meat processing industry has had countless disease scares in the recent past and is one of the most wasteful and harmful to the environment. Way to lose weight and be healthy! There needs to be an alternative, like the all-carbs diet. I've actually been on that one for years and it seems to be working just fine so I think it is time for carbs to make a comeback. GO CARBS!

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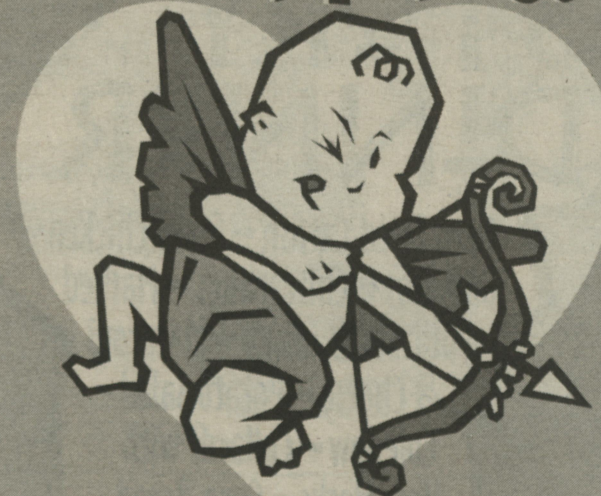
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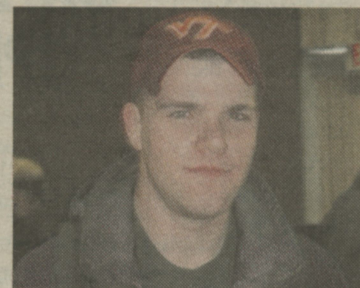
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Overheard: Who do you think should be the Democratic candidate for president and why?

Compiled by Carla Pini



"Howard Dean, because he's very strong in his views and he stands behind them. It's inspiring."
Brian Gilmore-Senior



"Anyone but Dean; he would totally abandon our goals in Iraq and leave them worse off than they were when we started."
Jon Forester-Senior



"Personally for me it is a toss up between Kerry and Dean because I like their Democratic views and values. I think our government is becoming too conservative and it would be good to have a democrat in the office."
Kristen Tull-Junior



"I don't think any of the candidates have presented a strong enough run to deserve the presidency."
Stephanie Kowalski-Junior



"I think it should be Howard Dean because he has no chance of beating (George W.) Bush."
Matthew Bourn-Senior



"What's a democrat?"
Brian McGeogh-Senior



"At this point, as environmental concerns standing as our number one issue, we feel that Senator Kerry is a front runner in this category."
Zac Fisher and Zack Baccala of Geographic Society



"I haven't chosen a candidate yet. I like Edwards because he's young and we need a new face for America and he's not big on attacking other candidates."
Dale Graham-Senior



"Dennis Kucinich. He's the most progressive candidate; he's the closest to being an actual Democrat."
Trisha Benton-Junior



"Personally, I'd like to see more independent candidates running for president instead of it being based solely on the two party system."
Nick Kolesar-Sophomore

Fun things to do at a 'Super-store'

Editor's Note...
Upon first look, there doesn't seem to be a plethora of things to do in the greater metropolitan area of Salisbury. We here at The Flyer have decided to help out the student body by providing some helpful suggestions of how to have some cheap fun in the surrounding area. This week's suggestions come from guest writer, Torgo Smithee.

As a student organization, we free ourselves from liability of people actually taking our suggestions to heart and acting on them.

-JH

Hi all, this week I'm going to take

a look at what kinds of fun things we could do at a Super-Store! I took



Flyer photo by Constance Mensh
Trying out the bikes can be fun.

a recent trip to Joe's Mart and discovered several fun and cheap forms of entertainment. Here's a list of my amusements that could be performed/found at your local Super-Store.

1. Twirl around in circles with a grocery cart in the aisles.
2. Set up obstructions in the aisles and maneuver through them while riding a kiddie bike.
3. Make yarn spider webs in the arts and crafts aisles.
4. Give random high fives to employees and other shoppers.
5. Set helium balloons free.
6. Play Professor Chaos - switch locations of products.
7. Use store's video camera displays to make pretend home videos.
8. Take a nap in the bedding aisle or sock bin.
9. Play hide-and-go-seek.
10. Set all the balls in the ball cage free.
11. Sing aloud with headphones in the electronics
12. Set all the bras free or use them as sock slingshots.
13. Bathe with water-free hand sanitizer in the bath aisle.
14. Mess with late-night shoppers who seem to be under the influence of strange drugs.
15. Check out using the express checkout aisles and begin to tell the clerks your life story.



Flyer photo by John Heath

The monsters of rock for a new millennium

By Caroline Watson
Staff Writer

The Darkness. The biggest heavy metal hair band to rock the new millennium. Get used to that sentence.

With first glance of these high energy, stage diving hot shots, one may instantly wonder, "Are these guys for real?" In fact, it appears that everyone has questions on how real The Darkness is as they watch these four rock out to their time warped 80s style in this day of revolutionizing music.

Not only do they dress like 80s rock bands such as Twisted Sister, Poison and Whitesnake, but they look as though they have taken some stage performance lessons from them, too. Their shrieking lyrics can be related to those of Queen, bringing metal heads from all over out of the woodwork. The Darkness emerged from England

and is said to be the biggest British band since the Spice Girls.

"They are something straight out of Spinal Tap and it's freaking awesome," said junior Andrew Steck.

Their album, "Permission to Land," is casually filtering into the US airwaves, creating quite a stir with their hit song "I Believe In a Thing Called Love." Slowly but surely the catchy song is making its way up the billboard charts. Their most recent standing on the chart is 55 and they may make it even higher with their first U.S. tour that kicks off on March 26.

The Darkness consists of four band members. Justin Hawkins is the lead singer, guitarist and keyboarder; his brother Dan plays the guitar, Frankie Poullain is the bassist, and finally Ed Graham plays the drums. Most recently they played at the Big Day Out concert

in Australia among such bands as Metallica, The Strokes and Black Eyed Peas. They have also appeared on David Letterman and an in-store performance in the Times Square Virgin Megastore.

If you think just looking at a picture of these crazy cats captures their unique personalities, you are sadly mistaken. Their music video for "I Believe In a Thing Called Love" brings out all their craziness and will either leave you laughing or, well, laughing. A giant moon crab, octopus and big purple furry monster are just a few of the odd characters that make the band's trip into outer space just a tad more interesting.

"Their video is hilarious," said Matt VanGabeck of the local band Downtown Singapore. "It takes me back to the time period where 'Welcome to the Jungle' ruled the



The Darkness rocks out glam style.

airwaves and everyone at the local guitar shop had a perm."

The Darkness is just something you have to experience for yourself and if you want an up close experience with them you can check them out in Philadelphia on

April 2, at the Theater of Living Arts. You will either love them or hate them, and let me tell you, after you hear their songs a couple of times it will become an earworm that will take days to squirm out.

OUT OF THE SUGGESTION BOX

This column is based on the comments and concerns offered by students, faculty and staff via the 10 suggestion boxes placed around campus. Often these suggestions are written anonymously. The President's Office staff solicits responses from appropriate personnel to the issues raised. Not everything can be changed, but an explanation is offered.

A mathematically-challenged business student offers the following advice on curriculum change:

Why doesn't the Perdue School of Business drop calculus from its admission requirements? The class is difficult, hurts students' GPAs, and isn't used in classes once you're in the program.

Dr. D. Rotondo, Associate Dean, Perdue School of Business replies:

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produce to maximize my profits? As I increase my production of widgets, is my revenue increasing and, if so, at what rate? Can I expect an additional dollar of profit for each additional dollar in revenue I generate?

Businesses succeed by making the best possible decisions given the information and methods available to guide those decisions. Managing or owning a business where your "best guess" or "past experience" drive business decisions always results in less-than-optimal decisions being made over time. Human simply cannot process complex information in a simultaneous fashion without relying on the tools and technology available to assist the process.

Calculus is the foundation of many problems in business that seek optimization solutions. Calculus is the only analytical tool which enables a business to examine variations in the rate of

change of variables. Thus, from economics to marketing to production operations management to financial planning, effective and efficient business decisions require one to be able to apply (if even indirectly) the concepts of derivation and integration.

On a final note, requiring a calculus course prior to admission into a business program at the undergraduate and graduate levels is a standard expectation at almost every AACSB International accredited school of business. We, at the Perdue School of Business, are not placing additional or unreasonable expectations on students who wish to major in a field of business that would not be applied in other programs.

We appreciate the nature of your questions and hope you will consider the response.



Shwa (on left) and Cupajo (below) rocked out the Gull's Nest last Thursday night at the SOAP acoustic concert.

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Dork Corner Movie Review: "Miracle"

By Brian Zitzelman
A & E Editor

"Miracle" is about what many consider the greatest moment in United States sports history. The event, of course, was about so much more.

Americans were struggling through gasoline shortages, their nation's citizens being taken hostage and the Cold War was in full effect. While the famous game which "Miracle" surrounds, the 1980 Olympic hockey match between the United States and Russia, is on face value just another game, once one looks deeper there is so much more.

Luckily, "Miracle" itself is much deeper than one might expect as well. Though some slight knowledge of how the sport of hockey is played may be helpful, it is far from essential. That is due to the fact that the movie is built up on strong characters and solid acting.

Kurt Russell is magnificent in the role of Herb Brooks, the team's coach. Russell shines in the film in all the quiet moments he is supposed to shine in. Russell transforms into Brooks and any thought of this as the same actor

who played Snake Plissken or Elvis is immediately forgotten. Brooks is a fascinating character. At many times he seems like he could just be a bitter man who likes to abuse his players, never admitting when

wonderful as Patty Brooks, Herb's loving wife. Patty understands that Herb must be gone often, but can see her husband becoming a little too obsessed with the performance of his team. He is ignoring his



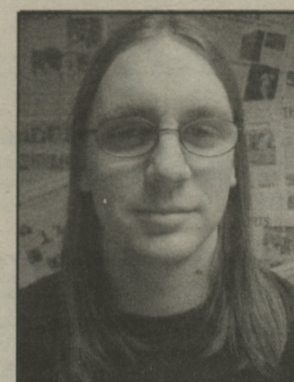
Miracle: deeper than one would expect.

he is mistaken. However, when he is away from the team, it is clear that Brooks just wants to have the best team that he can have, knowing when to physically push them and mentally test them, literally, making all the players take a lengthy psychological test.

What really makes the character work is that he is not shown to be a perfect man. Brooks has a family he is neglecting at home. Patricia Clarkson, just nominated for an Oscar for "Pieces of April," is

family and forgetting that he has responsibilities to them. The scenes the two share together, despite being in a film dealing with an adrenaline pumping sport, are perhaps the best in "Miracle."

The rest of the supporting cast members in "Miracle" are excellent and hold their own. With more than 20 players on the team for the majority of the picture, not everyone gets to have grand levels of character development. Yet, most of them do get little moments,



which help make them a team to care and root for as the movie progresses.

The movie does run into a few stumbling blocks though, nothing too major but enough to keep it from being something special. Director Gavin O'Connor does an excellent job of capturing what is taking place on the ice, but off it, his directing hand seems to falter a bit. It is not that these scenes are bad; however, they often feel as if they could be better. The same goes for its score. The music of a sports film is vital in building those special moments during a game. Occasionally "Miracle" contains that but for much of the first half the score falls flat. Finally, the picture's cinematography never impresses. All the shots feel bland and do not live up to the potential of amazing visuals the film could contain.

Despite its flaws, "Miracle" is an enjoyable movie carried by Russell throughout. Its dialogue never feels as if it is trying to be overly dramatic, a downfall seen in many sports movies. Instead, the film is just about a bunch of average people doing things that help a nation through a troubled time, something it exceeds at.

Weekend Box Office Results for Feb. 6-8

Weekend Total

1. Barbershop 2: Back in Business
\$25.10 mil.
\$25.10 mil.
2. Miracle
\$19.44 mil.
\$19.44 mil.
3. You Got Served
\$7.70 mil.
\$26.04 mil.
4. Along Came Polly
\$7.02 mil.
\$75.22 mil.
5. The Butterfly Effect
\$6.72 mil.
\$41.52 mil.



Kat's Rant of the Week

By Kat Hess
Staff Writer

I have a rambling problem...

Moviegoers and moviemakers today are constantly depressing me. Just this last week, "You Got Served" was number one at the box office. Now, I haven't seen this movie, but I am pretty sure I could guess exactly what happens from the trailer. Which brings me to this week's rant: mainstream movies are just getting more and more recycled, with everything from "Torque" to even "Along Came Polly." One thing I always loved about where I live, Silver Spring, Md., is the fact that there is an independent movie theater nearby. A place where I can actually see

original films, or at least ones that take the same formula and bring it to another level. However, here in Salisbury, the only place you'll be able to find an independent movie is at Hollywood Video or Blockbuster, and even there, they are severely outnumbered by pure crap. I suggest all of you save yourselves and avoid the garbage that is put out, in hopes that studios will get the hint that the average moviegoer actually wants substance to their films. So for now, head over to a video store and check out something besides "My Boss' Daughter," like "Donnie Darko" or the Oscar Best Picture nominee, "Lost in Translation."

The Flyer Presents...Real Campus Heroes Part 3

By: John Heath & Constance Mensh

Today we salute you, Mr. Parking Lot Attendant Guy...As you watch other college students run through the rain in an effort to avoid fouling their pant legs in noxious puddles, you welcome those rainy days with open arms, as you are master of this abominable turf...You balance your straining student obligations by catching a few much deserved Z's while on the clock within your

foggy-windowed parking mobile...Your savvy sleeping skills allow you to wake yourself at the exact moment when a car enters Severn parking lot without the necessary documentation...You sense a potential conflict and so you swagger out of your covered Cushman cart with nothing but the fondest feelings for whomever you are about to tell to park somewhere else...Commuter student Richie Dicard arrives in his

used Jetta and yearns to gain parking access in order to use the ATM...But there is a

problem...you notice he lacks the blue parking pass necessary to enter...Perhaps Rich would have

been out of luck with someone else, but you help Rich avoid disaster and suggest that he use one of your multitude of temporary parking passes...So you rip out one of those inked clock yellow sheets and give him more than a reasonable amount of time to complete his transaction...Who cares that you sometimes get snowballs thrown at you...because we all know who really has the power...you're our modern day boatman of the River Styx and have complete control of who goes in and out...So crack open a cold one, Mr. Parking Lot Attendant Guy, for without your honorable despotism we would have to navigate without aid through a no-man's-land parking lot of utter chaos and despair.



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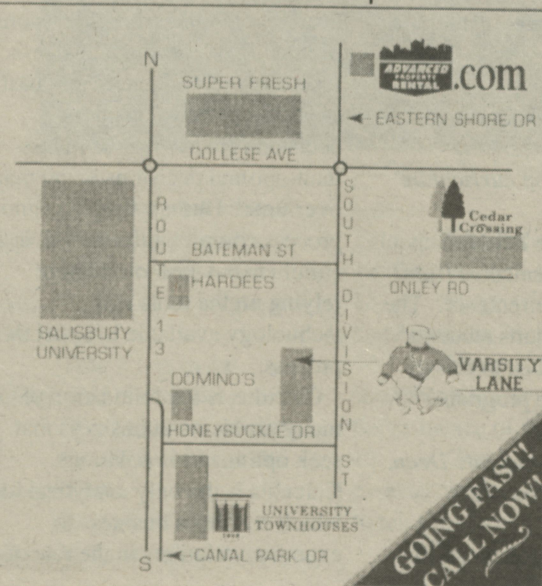
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Take your studies elsewhere: the experience of a lifetime

By Caroline Watson
Staff Writer

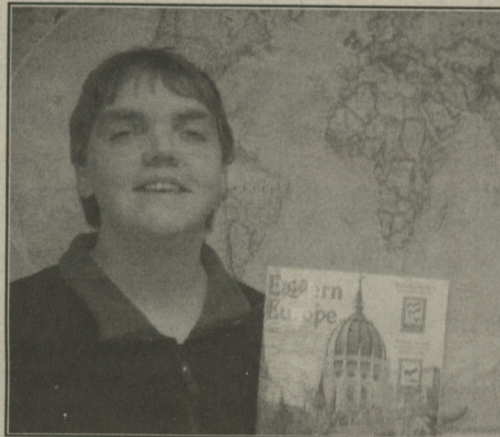
When students hear the words "study abroad," they may feel a little anxious or nervous about leaving their friends and family. Studying abroad is a big decision, but it can also be a great experience that allows students to live in a different country while earning credit for school. Students can travel to different parts of the world depending on their area of study. For example, someone majoring in elementary education has a chance to student teach in New Zealand, or a student active in theater can study in London.

Students have the option to study abroad during any time of the year. Fall and spring programs are semester-long while a winter program mini-semester ranges from two to four weeks and summer programs consist of five weeks. According to Rob Hallworth, director of international education, SU sends between 110 and 135 students each year, half of

which choose the short-term program. Twenty-three students, the highest participation numbers of any program last year, went on the trip to Ecuador. Other popular destinations include Australia, France, England, New Zealand and Spain.

Dr. Gerry St. Martin, a professor of the modern language department, directs the trip to Ecuador alongside Dr. Keith Brower, chairman of the modern languages department. This trip attracts students who are studying such courses as sociology, woman studies and, of course, Spanish, which is the official language of Ecuador.

While in Ecuador, as well as in other areas abroad, students can



Robert Hallworth, Director of International Education at SU.

Flyer photo by Kat Hess

either live with host families in order to become more assimilated to the culture or they can live in a dorm or apartment, which St. Martin discourages. He explained that living with families allows students to feel as if they are more a part of the country rather than just tourists.

The families are chosen through a very careful screening process and St. Martin explains that either he or Brower is available to the students at any given time during their visit in Ecuador. In this specific program, students are grouped together in a class setting. Only the advanced Spanish students take courses with local students. While classes are about four hours long, students have an additional opportunity outside the classroom to experience Latin American culture.

St. Martin explained that special programs are in store for the students, such as trips to museums, daycare centers and other areas of interest. They are also given cultural lectures and lessons in such activities as dancing and cooking.

"The students have all been amazed at how much they have changed, how much they have learned, and they want to go back," said St. Martin. He said that two students enjoyed studying abroad so much that they decided to stay

in Ecuador and teach English.

Senior Eric Gemmer went to the Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia last year for about six months and loved the experience. There he studied aboriginal culture, sociology and theater. Although he did not stay with a host family, he enjoyed living in a townhouse with four other roommates who are now some of his best friends.

"Once you get there and start meeting all the amazing people and seeing the incredible sights, you will start to be afraid of going home," said Gemmer. He feels as though the experience has made him more independent.

Brower has created a summer program to take students to Spain to study at the Universidad de Malaga's, which has an application deadline of Feb. 20. Other study abroad programs are available throughout the school year. For more information, contact international student services on the second floor of Guerrieri University Center.

SU students attend National Black Student Leadership Development Conference

By Bryant Penn
Freelance Writer

Leaders are obviously not followers, but the good ones have mental clarity and a discerning eye that will allow them to control their destiny; and sometimes positively influence others'. That was the mantra at the 18th Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Development Conference in Williamsburg, Va. Eight Salisbury University students and more than 1000 other college and university students representing the Mid-Atlantic and Southern regions convened at the event in mid-January. The theme for this year's occasion was, "Wanted: Leaders for the Neo-Underground Railroad to Liberate a Whole People." The general idea behind the theme is to revamp and enrich communities and people from within. The conference charged the students with the

challenging task of being models and vehicles through which others can be inspired - leaders.

The four-day schedule consisted of keynote speakers, workshops, banquets and seminars. Business attire, a professional mindset and a stack of business cards and resumes were a requirement to fully enjoy the benefits of this event. "The conference began with Nikki Giovanni, a woman of great character, poise, understanding and truth," said Tasha Thomas, a member of Student Counseling Services at Salisbury University. Giovanni, an esteemed poet, professor and activist for civil rights and equality is renowned for her bold speeches, books and essays that reveal the truth about society and culture.

The conference enlightened, empowered and generated self-assessment within the individual and black community. Keynote

speaker Dr. Lerone Bennett, historian and executive editor of Ebony Magazine, delivered a fiery speech on battling complacency and cultural groupthink. "Black leadership is infected by the HIV of hype, hustle, glamour and glitz," said Bennett. Hip-hop music historian and cultural critic Kevin Powell attacked the hedonistic and decadent lifestyle portrayed in music that ultimately affects the priorities among black youth. He argued that people must take control of what they ingest and free themselves from cognitive slavery. Bennett and Powell preached on the importance of education and knowledge of one's history. "His words spoke the truth even though some of it was hard to hear," said Ameena Olaleye, Salisbury University student and President of the Union of African American Students. Other keynote speakers in attendance were

Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and Elaine R. Jones, director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Informational and educational seminars filled the time between speakers and luncheons. A variety of topics were covered, ranging from internship and graduate school tips to business etiquette and self-actualization seminars. The conference made us more aware of things that affect us in our daily lives, said Resident Assistant Danielle Stancil. Evening events consisted of a poetry and spoken word competition along with dance parties and a gospel concert. "I felt this conference really was uplifting for the whole person, emotionally, academically, spiritually and physically," said President of the SU Gospel Choir Kaimais Love.

"By attending the National Black Student Leadership Conference, these student leaders come away

with a newfound appreciation for the roles they play on campus and in their communities," said Vaughn White, director of Multiethnic Student Services. "It is always a pleasure to see the tremendous growth in leadership that is conveyed to the Salisbury University delegation once they have participated in this experience."

The conference was a great success and allowed students an opportunity to network with others in similar situations facing the same issues. Students not only ingested information, they were allowed to voice opinions and ask for advice. The Union of African American Students, student chapter of NAACP and the Student Appropriations Board sponsored Salisbury's attendance.

Job fair brings opportunities to SU students

By David Raley
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Salisbury University will host a job fair from noon to 4 p.m. in the Wicomico Room and Fireside Lounge of Guerrieri University Center.

The job fair features representatives from more than 100 different companies and organizations. This event gives students the chance to receive information about valuable job and internship opportunities. A few examples of the many employment prospects include Bayhealth Medical Center, Clear Channel Radio, the Delmarva Shorebirds, the Dover Police Department, Peninsula Bank, WBOC-TV and Worcester County Health Department.

According to the Career Services

office of SU, students who are seriously pursuing employment opportunities should come prepared to the job fair. Job seekers should research their areas of interest, bring a resume, dress professionally, be friendly and ask engaging questions of the company representatives.

"Treat it as if it's a prelude to a real interview," said Gloria Horner, a consultant from the Career Services office.

The Career Services office, located on the first floor of the Guerrieri University Center, welcomes students to visit and have their resumes reviewed before going to the job fair. The office also provides students with a valuable opportunity to perform one-on-one mock interviews.

Contact Career Services for any additional information regarding the job fair.

Concert Calendar

By Constance Mensh

2/10 & 2/11- The Shins - The Black Cat, Washington D.C.
2/11- Super Furry Animals - 9:30 Club, Washington, D.C.
3/7- Copeland, Mac, The Working Title - Wicomico Rm. (GUC), Salisbury University
3/14- The Get Up Kids, Rocky Volatado, Recover - 9:30 Club, Washington, D.C.
3/26- Pretty Girls Make Graves - The Trocadero, Philadelphia

Some of the companies represented at the job fair

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How singles might consider spending Valentine's Day

1. Order a Happy Meal at McDonald's and eat it alone while looking depressed.
2. Hit up the Rt. 13 adult magazine and video store.
3. Rent a sappy romance movie and shoot the TV with Nerf darts while the movie is playing.
4. Approach couples and say how happy you are that they have found each other, but make sure you speak with an agitated and sarcastic tone.
5. Go to a fancy restaurant, get a table for two and sit there until someone shows up.

6. Perform a one-man/woman show in Red Square harping on the evils of love.
7. Parade through campus while wearing a diaper and carrying a bow; shoot suction-cup arrows at those who look lonely.
8. Sit in the quad singing Roy Orbison songs while wearing big dark glasses.
9. Play the sympathy card and share a romantic meal with your friend and his/her significant other.
10. Buy a huge box of chocolates and make it your personal goal to eat the whole thing...alone.
11. Rant on how

Valentine's day is more like single's awareness day to your friends.

12. Write complaint letters to Hallmark on how there aren't enough Valentine's cards for singles.

13. Hang out and talk to the parking lot attendee guy.
14. Have an anti-Valentine's day party.



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15. Hand out laxative-laden chocolates to all your friends who have significant others.

How couples might consider spending Valentine's Day

1. Try some charity work. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, or beautify the environment by cleaning up the trash along the road.
2. Have a one-on-one whipped cream bikini contest: everybody wins!
3. Go bowling with a group of dates. Or single people, if you can find any that aren't too bitter to play with you.
4. Have a board game night with a twist: Strip Poker, Strip Scrabble (if you get a 15-point word, the other player must take off an article of clothing), or TV Speed Strip (every time the news anchor says "Janet Jackson," one player takes off an article of clothing, and every time there's a beer commercial, the other player removes an article of clothing).
5. Teach each other something new. Show your significant other how to crochet, and he or she can teach you how to make a soufflé.
6. Go to the beach. Make sand angels.
7. Read each other poetry by firelight. If you don't have firelight, flashlight will do.
8. Make a five-course meal together, complete with appetizer, dessert and fancy drinks.
9. Have a sappy romantic movie night. Don't forget the movie-style popcorn.
10. Brave the movies and the fancy restaurants, but make a reservation first, unless you feel like waiting an hour to be seated.

Off-season baseball heats up in American League

By: Matt Dewhurst
Staff Writer

With the Super Bowl and Janet over and done with, it's finally time to focus on baseball. That is to say if, of course, it is possible. Somehow, America seems to have gone all winter without anyone hearing about the national pastime. The off-season has been long and tiresome with all the drama of a bad soap opera. Players have been moving, jumping from team to team faster than a freshman around the quad on a Friday night. However, with all the teams getting in on the off-season action, there have been a few that were above and beyond the rest. This week, a look at the American League.

Boston Red Sox:

Probably the team with the most attention during the winter. No A-Rod in a Red Sox jersey this spring, but that's really not that big of deal because the BoSox still have future hall of famers in Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez. Oh and by the way, they also picked up some other guys named Curt Schilling, Keith Foulke and Pokey Reese. Boston also re-signed Scott Williamson and Mike Timlin, who were lights out in the post season. The Red Sox added depth with solid bench bats Ellis Burkes and Brian Daubach as well. This all added to a team that almost went to the World Series. Needless to say, they've done OK so far.

New York Yankees:

Not to be outdone by their archrivals, the Yankees have had their fair share of big signings since October. They agreed to terms with, then lost, then signed Atlanta outfielder Gary Sheffield, and did

the same with Cubs centerpiece Kenny Lofton. They countered Boston pitching moves by adding Tom Gordon and Paul Quantrill and trading for Dodgers starter Kevin Brown. New York lost three huge parts of their team in starting pitchers Roger Clemens, Andy Pettite, who both went to Houston, and David Wells, who jumped coasts to San Diego. But these are the Yankees and they haven't exactly had a bad track record the last few years. They'll be fine.

Baltimore Orioles:

One of the best off seasons this city has seen in a very long time. The Orioles had a lot of money to spend on big names and that is exactly what they did. They signed former AL MVP Miguel Tejada to fill the void Cal Ripken Jr. left behind. They also signed Javy Lopez from Atlanta to take over the backstop duties. Baltimore also got back former Orioles Rafael Palmeiro and Sidney Ponson. The O's are finally making an effort to get back in the race in the AL East.

Detroit Tigers:

The Tigers weren't on this list until recently when the team signed Ivan Rodriguez away from Florida. Pudge brings a big bat and an even bigger locker room presence that this franchise sorely needs; it's not enough to make a huge difference, but it's on the right track.

Anaheim Angels:

The Halos made huge news when they stole Vlad Guerrero away from what seemed like a sure thing in Baltimore. They also picked up big help with starting pitching in Bartolo Colon and Kelvim Escobar.

By: Kevin Froehlich
Staff Writer

After four straight 30 win seasons, four region berths, three Capital Athletic Conference titles and a Division III World Series berth three years ago, are members of the Salisbury baseball program satisfied? Looking at the 2004 recruiting class, the answer seems to be no. "I think we've had some really fine players over the past several years," said three-time CAC coach of the year Doug Fleetwood. "In fact, our recruiting here has been real good the past five or six years. We've gotten some real good players and I think they're good enough to compete with anybody in the country."

As a team returning most of its key components from the year before, the Sea Gulls will need the incoming class to do what their predecessors have done in the years before since they play four out of the top six teams in the country: No. 1 Eastern Connecticut State, No. 3 Christopher Newport, No. 5 Trinity and No. 6 Johns Hopkins.

Losing two of the team's best pitchers, Star Kriger and Cory Willey, to graduation, the starting

rotation is the one part of the roster that has been shaken up the most. Starters Scott Byers (5-1) and Brian Shipe (5-3, 3.32 ERA) are back, along with relievers Mac Mollet (3-1) and Nick Dunk (3.55 ERA). Dunk, primarily a reliever last year, will have some starts this year. Junior outfielder Mike Williams will see significant time on the mound this year, as well as transfer Kyle Muller.

The other half of the battery returns both players from last season. Catchers Matt Johnson and BJ Kittle are back. Fleetwood feels Johnson will likely emerge as the starter, while Kittle is returning from a broken hand that forced him to miss much of last season. Freshmen Pete Callahan may also see time behind the plate.

Freshmen Andrew Jensen will start in centerfield, while Williams (.304, 3 HR, 21 RBI) and Galen Morris (.264, 2 HR, 13 RBI) will fill in the outfield slots around him. Sophomore transfer Jason Lively is also in the mix of who will start in the remaining two outfield positions.

The starting infield has not changed from last season. CAC

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Rookie of the Year Greg Lemon (.383) and Nick Pegelow (.352, 1.000 fielding percentage) will start at second and first respectively. Dave Sutton (.328) and Brandon Mason (team high in runs and walks with 42 and 28) will start at third and short. Senior Trey Cobb (.318) will contribute time in the outfield and infield this year.

Rob Kassekert is also back for his final season. Last year he was named first team all CAC and second team all-South region. He led the team in nine batting categories last year including batting average (.417), home runs (6) and doubles (15). Fleetwood considers Kassekert one of the best hitters that the program has had in a long time.

While team members have aspirations of returning to the playoff scene, they cannot overlook their conference foes. York constantly gives tough battles and defending CAC champion Mary Washington is no cakewalk. Fleetwood and the rest of the Gulls, however, are confident that this team will produce the same results, if not greater, than last year.

Fatal Attraction

By: Matt Rosati
Staff Writer

I just cannot seem to be able to pull myself out of bed lately. I am tired of people calling to make sure I am all right. I haven't showered in eight days and my diet now consists of a steady flow of Southern Comfort. That's right my friends, the love of my life has left me. She slapped me in the face, told me I wasn't good enough, mocked the way I dressed and stormed out of my apartment. I saw this one coming. I always do, but I'm never totally prepared. This break up was particularly difficult; she left me for another man. I don't know what happened, things were going great. I wouldn't say that there was a lot of action at the beginning, but it still was not that bad. Things really became hot and steamy toward the end of our relationship, until "he" entered the picture.

I have heard stories of this happening to other guys but never

felt it would happen to me. This prince charming comes trotting into the relationship, does his thing and BAM! I'm out of the picture. I felt this lady was different. I was sure she was the one that would go longer than any other relationship I have ever had. OK, like any good dumped fool, I'm telling some lies. It wasn't a lady, it was the NFL.

I am calling a timeout for a rant right now: Up until the Super Bowl, Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes in five playoff games. I'll give you the fact that he is undefeated in the postseason, but for the love of God, please do not compare him to Joe Montana. He did it again. It makes me sick to think that the two greatest Super Bowl endings came from a guy that is only three years older than I. When I am his age, I will be making \$30,000 per year teaching kids how to read a map (to all future employers, I would enjoy nothing more in life).

The past NFL season ranks up

there as one of the worst that I have ever experienced. My team just plain sucked, but Redskins fans had it worse than I did. By the way, Joe Gibbs is not God, he is a NASCAR owner, and please don't get me started on NASCAR. The Ravens - sure, you have J. Lewis, but did you know that the new majority owner is a former Salisbury University student? Eagles fans had it worse than any of us. Three years in a row? Give me a break, someone needs to be hanged (yes, hanged, you hang a picture, but a man is hanged) for Philly to turn things around.

At least Arena football started again. It's like watching two dogs reproduce, you can't just find the power to look away. One other thing, this article was going to be a rant about Maurice Clarett, but seeing how I skipped the final three years of journalism class, I don't have the proper skills. I understand if you thought that last joke was horrible, but I enjoyed it.

Defining Greatness

By: Chris McCarthy
Sports Editor

Using the word "great" to define a professional athlete is a lot like using the word "love" with a girl that you have been dating for about three hours. It may sound nice, but the word is too strong to be used for just anyone.

Today's media calls anyone who gets a few highlights on SportsCenter and has one or two good years a great player. For example, when Brady Anderson exploded for 50 homers a few years back, he was dubbed as a great leadoff hitter; he was mediocre at best. But, what exactly is greatness, and how do we define who is great and who isn't? Athletes should only be considered great if they dominate their sport. Dominate means that they must reinvent the positions they play, make their teammates better, come through in the clutch and win championships.

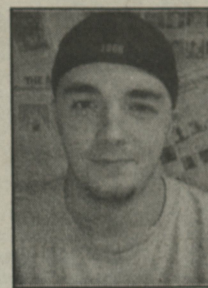
Of course, no one defines greatness better than Michael Jordan. His Airmess is the greatest basketball player ever for several reasons. No one in basketball has ever done more for the sport than MJ. He defined so many aspects of today's game that he could be considered the father of the modern NBA. He made everyone on his team better (ahem, Scottie Pippen), showed everyone how to play two guard, had the respect of his teammates and won six championships along the way with a franchise that was synonymous with losing before he came along and remains so without him. MJ also introduced the NBA to baggy shorts. We all overlook this a little too much. Imagine Shaq getting physical down low with Yao in the old NBA shorts? Not good times, bad times.

One player who has been given the "great" tag by the majority of members of sports media is Barry Bonds. Let's

set it straight before riots break out: Barry Bonds is one of the best baseball players ever. Maybe the best player any of us will ever see in our lifetime. When addressing his greatness, one question always comes up: What exactly has Bonds won? He has accomplished every individual record imaginable, six-time MVP, batting titles, Gold Gloves and quite a few homeruns. But he has been labeled as a horrible teammate who alienates himself in the clubhouse and openly fights with players in the dugout. The Jeff Kent dugout skirmish on national television was a disgrace.

He was on a very good Pirates team in the early 90s and is now on an equally good team in San Francisco but just can't win the big one. Sidenote: has anyone ever played "RBI Baseball" with that early 90s Pirates team? Bonds, Bonilla, Van Slyke. They were unreal. Makes me wonder all the more about why they didn't win it all. The ability to overcome adversity and win championships against all odds is what makes the great ones truly great, and Bonds has yet to prove that he can do that.

He has all of the makings to be one of the best baseball players of all time, but until he shows that he can win and be a good teammate, Barry will not be considered one of the greatest players ever.



Track and field impressive in first meet of season.

By: Noah Wood
Staff Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams competed at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Hawks Games last Saturday in Princess Anne, Md. The Sea Gulls competed well at their first meet of the season. Just about everyone on the team was able to participate at this local meet, which included competition from five in-state and out-of-state schools. Among the in-state schools were Coppin State University, Towson University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The competition was great in most events and the Sea Gulls rose to the challenge.

Many members of the men's team had very outstanding performances. Among them were junior Tristan Gilbert (second in the mile with a time of 4:32.36) and

freshman Kris Greenwell, who endured a tough battle for second place in the pole vault with a height of 13'6" (tying the school record). Senior Steve Jacobs (winner of the 5000 meter event with a time of 16:03.98), senior Justin Johnson (third in the 55 meter hurdles with a new school record of 8.12 seconds) and sophomore Will Murdoch (third with a time of 4:34.04) all had a remarkable meet. Freshman Marcus Tines was impressive in his first collegiate meet. He won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.02, and he set a new school record of 6.65 seconds in the 55-meter dash.

The women's team also had terrific performances. Sophomore Lauren Bragg finished second in the mile with a time of 5:50.12. Freshman Ruth Hedrick did well in several events. Hedrick ran the 55-meter hurdles where she was fourth

with a time of 9.44, just shy of the 9.43 school record. She also ran the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02 and ran a leg in the 4 X 400 meter relay.

"I was happy with my performance, and I think that considering that this was our first meet, the whole team did well," said Hedrick. "The team stepped it up when we needed to, and we pushed through a lot. Many people ran very well. It was a good start to a hopefully successful season."

"I'm really pleased with how we competed and where our team is at so far this season," said head coach Jim Jones. "But we have to keep healthy and focus on working towards our goal of winning the Conference Championships." With one successful meet accomplished this weekend, the Sea Gulls are sure to have many similar glories in the season's future.

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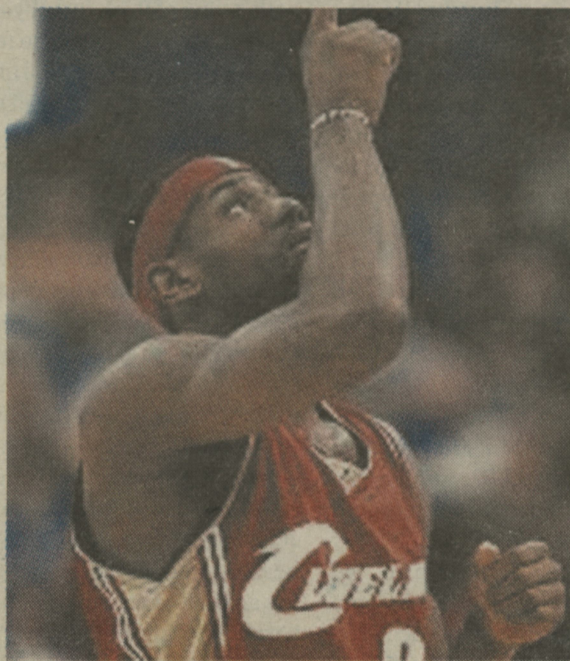
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Lebron James has surprisingly lived up to the hype so far this season. He leads all rookies in scoring

NBA first half surprises

By: Dan Parker
Staff Writer

Many surprise stories are developing as the NBA reaches its midseason. Rookies are embarrassing league veterans and championship caliber coaches are being given the ax.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is the media's prediction that LeBron James would not be able to handle the pressure. Could it be they wanted James to fail so they could prove that high school kids can't play with the big boys?

However, James seems here to stay. He has been scorching the court since his first game, when he scored 25 points. He's averaged more than 20 points per game in his inaugural season and scored a career high 38 points against the Washington Wizards Feb. 1. "King James" is quickly on his way to becoming one of the NBA's marquee players. It's not too bold to say James may one day go down as the best player to ever wear the No. 23 jersey, even outshining Michael Jordan.

Another surprise of the early 2003-2004 season is the play of the Denver Nuggets. Led by another rookie, Carmelo Anthony, the Nuggets are poised to make a run

at a playoff spot. A record of 29-21 is decent for any NBA team but even better for Denver, which has not gotten close to the playoffs since 1995. The Nuggets has held its own in the Western conference, which is clearly the superior of the two conferences.

Far and away the most disappointing story was the New Jersey Nets' decision, halfway into the season, to fire head coach Byron Scott. Scott led the Nets to the NBA finals the last two years and seemingly had the chance to do it again this season. After he was named the head coach in 2000, it took Scott only one year to turn the program around and make the Nets into a competitive franchise. Furthermore, the firing of Scott exemplifies the impatience of Eastern conference owners and their attempt to keep pace with the Western conference.

The Kobe Bryant trial is not the only major NBA story this year. Believe it or not there is exciting basketball being played. As the All-Star game comes on Feb. 14 marking the NBA's midway point, it will be fascinating to track these stories and note their impact on the rest of the season.

Student-Athlete Spotlight: Rob Kassekert, Party Liaison

By Kevin Froehlich
Staff Writer

Rob Kassekert is a senior captain of the Salisbury baseball team. Last year he led the team in nine batting categories. I agreed to meet him on the pitcher's mound at midnight for this candid interview.

Q: Amongst your friends and teammates you are known as "Cool Rob." What makes you so cool?

A: My actual physical body temperature is lower than the average 98.6, more like 98.1. Also, that I'm awesome.

Q: How does the team look this year?

A: The talent level is exceptional.

We should have great success and should go far.



Q: Who is your biggest rival?

A: The entire Dixie Conference. Most teams have rivalries with other teams, like

Michigan and Ohio State. We have more of an Ohio State- Pac 10 style rivalry.

Q: You're an avid guitarist. Have you written any songs?

A: Not many know that I wrote Eddie Murphy's "Party All the Time." He came to me

one day and asked if I could write him a hit song. I said, "Eddie, I'm just like everyone else. I put my pants on one leg at time, except once my pants are on, I make gold records." The rest is music history.

Q: What are your personal goals for the season?

A: To win 30 games, to hit .400, and to hit 10 home runs.

Q: Finally, Richard Gere, gay or misunderstood?

A: Misunderstood.

Seagull sports beat

By: Chris McCarthy
Sports Editor

Men's Basketball:

The men's basketball team fell to Catholic 78-57 on Wednesday, Feb. 4 in Washington, D.C. The Gulls (4-14 overall, 1-8 CAC) were led by freshman guards Segun Odumeru and Ray Williams, as well as sophomore guard Neal Tucker.

Odumeru racked up 12 points, four rebounds and two blocked shots. Williams also scored 12 to go along with his seven assists and four rebounds. Tucker went for 11 points, including three of four from three-point range.

The two biggest differences in the game were points off of turnovers and points in the paint. Catholic was able to outscore SU 32-7 off of turnovers and 34-12 in the paint.

The Fightin' Gulls will look to rebound from the loss Wednesday, Feb. 11 when they welcome Gallaudet University to Maggs Gym.

Women's Basketball:

The SU women's basketball team lost to Catholic 61-42 Wednesday evening in Washington, D.C. The Lady Gulls dropped to a 10-10 overall record, and 4-5 CAC record.

Junior guard Gen Olds led SU with nine points, two rebounds, and two steals. The team's leading scorer, sophomore forward Kiera Watkins, was held to six points but also pulled down five rebounds and collected two steals.

The Gulls found themselves down only one at halftime, but Catholic was able to take advantage of SU turnovers to pull away in the second half. Catholic outscored SU 19-2 in points off of turnovers in the second half.

The Lady Gulls will welcome Gallaudet at 5:30 on Wednesday night, Feb. 11.